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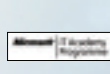
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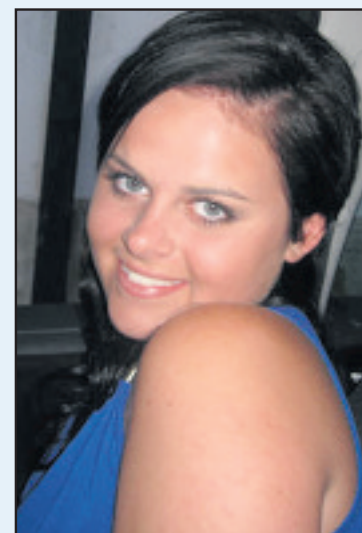
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Family mourn 'delightful' road victim Olivia



Crash victim Olivia Jefferies

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "delightful" 18-year-old student after she died in a car crash. Olivia Jefferies, of Twyford, was studying for her A-Levels and planning to read French and Arabic at university. But on Sunday night she died after her red Peugeot 107 collided with a silver Ford Focus outside Katharine House

Hospice in Adderbury at 11pm. The driver of the Ford, a 28-year-old man, was taken to the hospital for treatment following the collision. In a statement, Miss Jefferies' family paid tribute to their "amazing" daughter. They said: "Olivia was a popular pupil at Oxford High, where she attained high grades

at GCSE and was studying for her A Levels. "She had an amazing presence, tremendous sense of adventure and love for life. Livi loved to combine travel with fashion, spoke fluent French and had great ambitions to see the world. "Her bubbly and natural cheeky personality will always

be cherished and sadly missed by her family and numerous friends." Headteacher Judith Carlisle said pupils and staff were still coming to terms with Miss Jefferies' death. Police are urging any witnesses to the crash to call 08458 505 505.

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Mother decides to give daughter her kidney

DIANE Wincott will go under the knife next Thursday in a bid to give her precious daughter and grandchildren their lives back. Mrs Wincott, 47, from Bretch Hill, Banbury, is donating one of her kidneys to her 21-year-old daughter, Jasmine Parker.

Miss Parker, from Fairway, Banbury, suffered renal failure for the second time, six months ago, after a fraught pregnancy which saw her daughter, Lexi, born 13 weeks prematurely and weighing just 2lb 6oz.

Miss Parker discovered her kidneys were failing five years ago, during a routine pregnancy scan for her son, Leo, now four.

She underwent a kidney transplant just weeks before her 18th birthday and enjoyed seven months of a "new lease of life."

But complications followed, the kidney showed signs of rejecting and then she found out she was pregnant again.

Despite being told the pregnancy was risky, she decided to proceed and, just weeks after her daughter's premature birth, she was back in hospital and is now travelling to Oxford's Churchill Hospital, three days a week, for four-hour sessions of kidney dialysis.

She said: "My life is an

By Debbie Waite

endless stream of dialysis and I am so tired all the time, so when my mum said she wanted to give me one of her kidneys, I was over the moon."

She added: "It's a huge thing for someone to do, but my mum really is amazing."

Mrs Wincott, who works at Matalan in Banbury, added: "I wanted to give Jasmine one of my kidneys three years ago, when she first suffered renal failure, but a donor came through and I didn't need to.

"When she became ill again, I didn't hesitate in offering again. All I want is to see her and her family able to lead a proper life again, all together.

"I am not remotely nervous about it. In fact, I'm just pleased I can do this for her and my grandchildren. It's what any mum would do."

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Caterers catch the bug



CATERING manager Michelle Harding, together with her team of five colleagues from Banbury School, recently took on the ten-mile Banbury Fringe Circular Walk in aid of Sodexo's Foundation's STOP Hunger campaign.

Michelle, Zoe Emms, Sarah Taylor, Samantha Hanley, Clair Minns and Fiona Mayfield, who are pictured above and all work for Sodexo's catering team at the school, walked

the circular route to raise over £400.

The STOP Hunger campaign aims to tackle poor nutrition in local communities across the UK.

Michelle said: "I think we may all have the fundraising bug after this! We have really enjoyed organising the event as a team and supporting each other through it. Knowing that we were fundraising for a worthy cause makes it all worthwhile."

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Honour for the 'public face' of hospice

Royal salute

THE chairman of a North Oxfordshire hospice is among those on the Queen's birthday honours list. Neil Gadsby, chairman of the Katharine House Hospice Trust, at Adderbury, said he was accepting his MBE on behalf of everyone at the trust.

The Katharine House Hospice



Neil Gadsby – MBE honour

Trust was founded in 1985.

In 1987, Neil Gadsby, then aged 52 took early retirement from his career as headteacher, to devote himself to setting up the hospice, and has done so ever since, as chairman of the trustees of the charity.

Mr Gadsby, 75, said: "Although I have obviously been the public face of the organisation for more than 25 years, nothing could have been achieved without the support of the whole community.

"Many hundreds of people have been involved in so many ways over the years. Their support has been a constant source of pleasure and joy to me, knowing that so many are willing to be involved in altruistic endeavour.

"A mark of a civilised society is the way in which care is provided to those in need at the end of life, and the local community has ensured that hospice care is available to the people of Banbury and the surrounding area".

He added: "The many staff who have all contributed to the development of such highly-valued services deserve much praise. Their skill and devotion are appreciated by all who have turned to Katharine House for support.

"I firmly believe that this award belongs to the community, to our volunteers and to our staff".

Comedian Graeme Garden gave himself a gong in one episode of hit 1970s show *The Goodies* and now he

has a real one. Mr Garden, 68, from Enstone, is now an OBE, for services to light entertainment.

He lives with his wife, Emma, and the couple have a son, Tom, 26.

Mr Garden, who is in the middle of recording a new series of the Radio 4 show *Sorry, I Haven't A Clue*, also has a son and a daughter from his first marriage.

He said: "This is a great honour. When *The Goodies* was on, I awarded myself an OBE on one of the shows to tease Bill Oddie, who had been recognised for his wildlife work, so it's great to finally get a real one.

"At Christmas, it was the 40th anniversary of the first show going out and I'm amazed that public affection for the show has lasted so long."

Mr Garden appeared in *The Goodies* from 1970 to 1982 with Bill Oddie and Tim Brooke-Taylor.

Other people from Oxfordshire honoured include:

CBE – Professor Christopher Cropper Hood. Gladstone Professor of Government, University of Oxford and Fellow, All Souls College. For services to Social Science

Professor Wendy Rosalind James. Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Oxford. For services to Scholarship

Peter William Neyroud, QPM. Chief Constable and chief executive Officer, National Policing Improvement Agency. For services to the Police

Ms Joanna Lesley Simons. Chief executive, Oxfordshire County Council. For services to Local Government

OBE – Professor Jonathan Geoffrey

Ayres. Professor of Respiratory and Environmental Medicine, University of Birmingham. For services to Science

Dr Jane Mary Cocking. Humanitarian director, Oxfam. For services to the Voluntary Sector

Professor Richard Charles Darton. Professor of Engineering Science, University of Oxford and president, European Federation of Chemical Engineering. For services to Engineering

Robert Brinley Joseph Harris. Radio Presenter. For services to Music Broadcasting

Mark Pyper. Formerly Principal, Gordonstoun School, Elgin. For services to Education

Phillip Roberts. Assistant director, Airspace Policy, Civil Aviation Authority. For services to the Airline Industry

MBE – Mrs Romy Briant. For services to the Prevention of Domestic Violence in Oxfordshire

Mrs Christine Marjorie Burden. For services to Older People in Oxford

Colin Godfrey. Activities Development Nurse, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. For services to Healthcare, from Bicester

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Trevor Power. For services to Physical Education in Oxfordshire, from Wallingford

Ian Graham Simpson. For services to the College of Pharmacy Practice and to the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists

Christopher Henry Walton. For services to the community in Oxfordshire.

News in brief

A MAN was left with head injuries following a suspected assault on Friday, June 6. The 27-year-old, from Cheshire, left the Chapel nightclub in Southbar Street, Banbury, and began walking to the Whately Hotel in Horsefair sometime between 2.30am and 3am. At some point on the journey the man sustained head injuries which required stitches. Witnesses should call 08458 505 505.

AN open day about a new housing scheme for older people will be held today. The scheme, supported by Cherwell District Council, has opened at Orchard Fields, off Prescott Avenue, Banbury. It has on-site care staff and comprises 40 one- and two-bedroom flats for people aged 55 and older. Some of the homes are available for shared ownership. The open day will take place from 10am to 2pm. For information call 01295 269081.

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Health chiefs accused of ignoring NHS fertility treatment rules

Report tells of an IVF 'lottery'



Richard and Jackie Mackenzie, who had IVF privately after they were repeatedly turned down by the NHS

OXFORDSHIRE health chiefs have been accused of ignoring NHS rules on fertility treatment for couples in the county.

A new Government report claimed a "postcode lottery" existed for women trying to get IVF at £3,000-a-cycle on the NHS.

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence has said three free courses of the treatment should be given to couples in which the woman is aged 23 to 39.

But a report by the All Party Parliamentary Group

By Amanda Williams

on Infertility has revealed more than 70 per cent of NHS trusts and care providers were ignoring the official guidance.

Back in 2009 it was reported how, in Oxfordshire, just one round of the treatment was funded and only for women aged between 35 to 39.

Changes later in the year lowered the age bracket for women seeking treatment to 30-35, rejecting women aged

36-39. The trust was accused of age discrimination.

Conservative MP Gareth Johnson chaired the group and believed more should be done to help couples.

He said: "It is clear that many primary care trusts are not giving IVF the priority they should."

"IVF is the creation of life and gives hope to thousands of infertile couples across the UK."

"IVF treatment was invented in Britain and so, more than any other country, we should be championing its use."

In 2009, Oxfordshire couple Richard and Jackie Mackenzie launched a campaign to get the PCT to end what they described as age discrimination over fertility funding.

The couple were turned down repeatedly for IVF funding because at 26, Mrs Mackenzie was deemed too young.

Mr and Mrs Mackenzie have since had the treatment privately and will celebrate the first birthday of their son, Bobby, next month.

Mr Mackenzie said: "They are ignoring the rules. I am

saddened by this, but not shocked.

"I think it is a terrible shame and you also have to consider the emotional wellbeing of the individuals who have been turned down and the pressure that will, in turn, have on the NHS."

"The effect on individuals who can't have a child is enormous."

"Speaking as a man, when you are told you can't give your wife what you both desperately want, it is emasculating."

"We are made to feel as if this is a 'free treatment'. But

it isn't. All of those involved in our campaign were employed and paid into the system."

NHS Oxfordshire said its policy was set by the South Central Specialised Commissioning Group and was the same for nine neighbouring PCTs.

A spokesman added: "Through this mechanism, we share an 'assisted conception services' policy, so we could not comment on the report individually."

NICE is currently reviewing its guidance and will publish a report in 2012.



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Shock report's rap for youth offending team

By Liam Sloan

HALF of Oxfordshire's young offenders do not comply with their sentences and often nothing is done about it, a critical new report has found. Of the 62 cases studied, 49 per cent of young offenders did not do what magistrates or judges had ordered.

Yet Oxfordshire County Council's Youth Offending Service took insufficient enforcement action 40 per cent of the time, according to a Criminal Justice Joint Inspection led by HMI Probation.

The service is responsible for managing young offenders who have been in trouble with the law.

Report editor Julie Fox said youngsters were not turning up to scheduled meetings or engaging with work to deter them from crime, and should have been sent warning letters or taken back to court.

She added: "We were finding they were missing things in the previous behaviour of young people.

"They were doing assessments, but with not really

49% of offenders did not do what judges ordered

enough quality, breadth or depth."

The report called for "substantial improvement" to the team to minimise the risk of harm posed to the public, saying it was adequate just 56 per cent of the time.

Yet it cited some good practice, including a drug user who was helped to examine his drug use by studying the music of reggae star Bob Marley and his use of cannabis.

Council spokesman Louise Mendonça said: "We are aware that case management is still focused on welfare rather than enforcement and this is an area the YOS is working on."

Most work is "high quality" but she said: "This particular inspection has highlighted a number of deficits which we accept as things we need to improve."

The council has four weeks to draw up an improvement plan

with a re-organisation, better training and improved staff supervision.

The report, which rated the YOS as "average", revealed:

- A third of Risk of Serious Harm assessments were completed late, a third were inaccurate, and some had not been completed at all.

- Analysis of the harm posed to others was of "insufficient quality" 61 per cent of the time, because it failed to fully consider offenders' previous behaviour.

- Half of risk management plans were completed late, and some were not completed at all. Half were not good enough and lacked effective oversight by managers.

- In 39 per cent of cases, assessment of whether offenders were likely to reoffend were insufficient, and one in five was completed late. A tenth were left incomplete.

New figures reveal fewer pupils face school expulsion

MOST Oxfordshire pupils are expelled for persistent disruptive behaviour and physical assaults, newly released figures show.

Of the 290 expelled in the last four years, 100 were for "persistent disruptive behaviour", 38 for physical assault against an adult and 58 for physical assault against a pupil.

Yet the number of expulsions has fallen, from 67 in 2006/07, then 66, 81 and 44 in the following years. Some 32 have been expelled so far this year.

The figures, in response to a Freedom of Information request, covers primary and secondary schools.

Of those expelled, 80 per cent were boys and four were for bullying, 15 for drugs and alcohol, 11 for stealing and one for sexual misconduct.

Most expulsions were

among pupils in years nine and ten. National Union of Teachers Oxfordshire spokesman Gawain Little said: "It is encouraging that the numbers have gone down."

Yet he said the Government's academy drive, which gives schools greater independence from councils, could see expulsions rise.

He said: "The Government policy of schools going it alone and competing, unfortunately works against solving these long-term behaviour issues as it makes it harder for schools to co-ordinate and co-operate."

Melinda Tilley, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for schools, said: "It is very good news the figures have gone down."

"I do not think the new system should cause them to go up. I think the opposite is true."

Milestone member

AN umbrella group for county charities has welcomed its 500th member.

Yellow Submarine Respite Holidays is the 500th charity to join Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action.

The Oxfordshire-based charity was launched last year and provides subsidised respite breaks, day activities and residential holidays for people with learning disabilities and their families.

Founder Toby Staveley said: "I came across OCVA while searching on the Internet for groups that support charities. I tried out some of the training opportunities, which I found really helpful.

"As a new organisation I could see the advantages of being part of a larger network and accessing the support on offer."

The OCVA charity offers charities, community groups and social enterprises, services including training and web hosting.

Spokesman Ruth Domoney, said: "It's great that Yellow Submarine has become the 500th member of OCVA."

"It joins our growing network of diverse and dynamic voluntary and community organisations, working to improve the lives of local people."



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The never-ending job, as workmen tackle 14,000 repairs since December

The potholes poser

COUNCIL workmen have filled in 14,000 potholes across Oxfordshire since December, in the never-ending battle to repair the roads.

The latest figures to be released show that 77 potholes a day were repaired between December 1, 2010, and June 1, 2011, after the county experienced the coldest winter for decades.

In total, 13,986 potholes were fixed over the six months. Over 1,000 were judged so dangerous that workmen had to repair them within two hours of the potholes being reported to the council.

But, as of June 1, there were 2,331 still to be fixed across Oxfordshire, the vast majority of them in the least serious category.

The councillor responsible for roads, Rodney Rose, said: "Pothole repair is a never-ending, 12-months-a-year-job.

"We all hate to see potholes on our roads and

By Liam Sloan

the council's staff work hard to maintain some 2,800 miles of road across the county, which is greater than the distance from London to the North Pole.

"Unfortunately, the reality for all road networks is that defects are constantly forming, which means there will never be a time when roads are completely pothole-free.

"The bottom line is that there will always be a backlog of work that needs to be done and funding will constantly be needed to carry that out."

Labour's shadow transport minister, John Woodcock, attacked the state of the Oxfordshire's roads, saying there was a £67.9m backlog of work that needed to be completed across the county.

Mr Woodcock said: "Instead of continually patching up knackered road

surfaces with a bucket of tar, we need a proper strategic plan for Oxfordshire roads which could save taxpayers a fortune in the long term."

But the county council said it was already working on such an approach.

Mr Rose said £3.5m of extra Government money would be used to repair long sections of worn-out road across the county from later this summer.

He said: "While this funding won't enable wholesale repair and restructuring of the entire network, it will make a lasting difference on specific stretches which need it the most."

Local driver Malcolm Denton, whose Mini was damaged by a pothole last year, said: "On the country roads, the biggest issue now is people are so busy looking for potholes, and avoiding them, that they are not looking at the road ahead and making sure it is clear."



Council workers Scott Thompson, left, and Steve Hawtin busy filling another pothole



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Wroxton schoolchildren taste a slice of a chef's life

A CHEF has proved that working with children is a piece of cake.

A group of 26 enthusiastic six to eight-year-olds from Wroxton Primary School were welcomed to Wroxton House Hotel to bake and decorate cupcakes.

Under the tuition of chef Mark Cowley, they received a chef's hat and name badge before a lesson in baking.

Headteacher April Guinness said: "This has been yet another fantastic opportunity for our school to build links with the village community.

"This is a bonus for our children, following Hannah McGregor winning a competition that will see her officially cut the ribbon to open the new Broughton Room at the hotel, and winning £150 for the school.

"Links with business are important for even our youngest children, as it gives them a taste of real life."



News in brief

FIREFIGHTERS rescued an unconscious man and his dog from a blaze at his flat in Banbury. Neighbours in Jubilee Court called for help after smelling smoke and hearing a smoke alarm at 7.40pm on Sunday. Two fire crews from Banbury tackled the fire in the kitchen of the first-floor flat and found the resident, who was then treated outside by paramedics. A spokesman for Oxfordshire Fire Service said: "This once again proves the value of working smoke alarms as they have the ability to not only alert occupants, but also neighbours."

Over limit driver hit passenger

A DRINK-driver beat his passenger over the head with a carjack after their vehicle suffered a puncture.

David Boyce had been drinking with two friends when he and Ryan Kane decided to drive to a supermarket at about 3am for more beer.

But the 45-year-old driver, who was later found to be more than two times the legal drink-drive limit, discovered a puncture and pulled over in a Banbury side street on March 27 this year.

Paul Harrison, prosecuting at Oxford Crown Court on Monday, said: "Something happened at the roadside.

"Exactly what, we may very well never know, but in all events, Mr Kane seemed to be dealing with the puncture when he was struck quite a hard blow over his

By Thom Airs

head with the carjack by the defendant."

The attack, which left the victim needing stitches, was witnessed by two neighbours.

Boyce, of Red Poll Close, Banbury, drove off and was chased by police on the wrong side of the road for half-a-mile before pulling over in The Fairway.

He admitted unlawful wounding, dangerous driving, driving without insurance, driving without a licence and drink-driving.

Clare Evans, defending, said her client had been "slapped or punched" by Mr Kane first.

Judge Christopher Compton jailed Boyce for 16 months.

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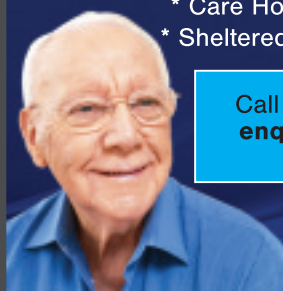
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News in brief

A CONCERT to mark the 21st anniversary of Banbury Young Musician of the Year will take place this month featuring several past winners.

The concert will take place at Sibford School, Sibford Ferris, on Sunday, June 19, from 7pm.

Performers will include Lucy Downer on flute/clarinet, Marcel Zidani playing piano, Bethany Porter on cello, and Atar Shafigan also on piano.

The four have since gone on to professional musical careers.

Cash raised from the event will go to Katharine House Hospice.

Tickets cost £10 or £8 concessions, and are available from One Man Band, White Lion Walk, Banbury or on 01295 266788 or 01295 812611.

One animal was left dying in a pool of blood, court told

Farmer is fined over his diseased flock

A FARMER, who left a diseased lamb to be eaten alive by crows, was found to have another 12 dead sheep in his fields.

Sebastian Peissel, 45, kept more than 100 sheep at South Newington.

But in November a walker discovered the dying animal lying in a pool of blood with one eye missing.

An inspection following the gruesome find revealed that some of the flock were weakened by a

By Ben Wilkinson

worm infection of the gut – parasitic gastro-enteritis.

A post-mortem examination of the lamb found it was missing an eye and part of its tongue and there was damage to the animal's bowel.

Another lamb had to be put down after it was found dehydrated and unable to stand.

Richard Webb, of Oxfordshire

County Council's trading standards, said: "A reasonable stockman should have spotted the symptoms of the disease and treated the lambs at the initial scouring stage.

"Mr Peissel clearly failed in his duty of care to these lambs with the consequences, for at least one of the lambs, being what can only be described as horrific."

Peissel was charged with four offences under the Animal Welfare Act, and appeared in the

dock before magistrates at Milton Keynes.

He pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to the lamb and failing to provide three other sheep with appropriate care

He also pleaded guilty to ten offences under the Animal By-Products Regulations, which control the disposal of livestock carcasses and prevent the spread of disease.

Peissel was fined £1,100.

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Investing in apprentices

TWO former Chipping Norton school pupils are proving that apprenticeships are still alive and well after taking up roles at Jaybee Motors Renault in Oxford Road, Banbury.

Ryan Hanks, 17, recently started at Jaybee as a parts apprentice, while Michael Nurden, 20, also from Chipping Norton, has just started his first year as an apprentice technician in the service department.

After leaving school, Ryan worked for another dealership, but moved to Jaybee to start a three-year course with on-site training and classroom-based instruction delivered by VT Training.

His current job sees him working with parts deliveries, sorting out stock and dealing directly with Renault customers.

Michael left school and took up an apprenticeship in agricultural engineering



Michael Nurden, left, and Ryan Hanks at Jaybee Motors

but came to Jaybee on work experience and was offered a three-year training placement.

Colin Corne, aftersales and marketing director at Jaybee Motors, said: "Staff training is a priority at Jaybee, and we see it as essential in ensuring that we offer our customers the very highest standards of customer care.

"Investing in

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HEADLINE NEWS Divorced single mum, 44, enjoys cinema, going out, family life, reading, seeks friendly, understanding guy for friendship, leading to more. Kidlington Box 100212

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FINALLY YOU'VE FOUND ME Divorced, recently retired lady, 63, N/S, likes walking, reading, cinema, action movies, 60s music, seeks simple gent, to enjoy good times. Oxford. Box 101791

NEW IN TOWN Easygoing, slim woman, 64, 5'3", blonde, likes jazz, live shows, reading and walks, seeks down-to-earth male, for genuine friendship and love. Box 100721

LET'S ENJOY LIFE Smart, active, young at heart female, 64, likes walking, theatre, holidays, gardening, dining out, wlm N/S chap, 61-68 for love & romance. Swindon. Box 104130

SHARE SPECIAL TIMES Cheerful, retired widow, 65, 5'1", medium, lives in Banbury, loves travel, garden centre, national trust, dining out, seeks lovely gent, 60-65 for companionship friendship. Box 107036

STEP BY STEP A very keen ballroom dancer, 65, 5'3", slim & attractive, loves to dance, looking for a partner, for fun, laughter and more. Brackley. Box 101677

A WONDERFUL LIFE Retired teacher, 66, 5'6", dark hair with hazel eyes, slim, from Witney, loves the arts, ballroom dancing, walking my dogs, wlm warm hearted gent. Box 110189

HEADLINE NEWS Happy, healthy, intelligent woman, 66, 5'7", N/S, from Devizes, enjoys gardening, theatre, cinema, holiday and generally nice times. Box 105353

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DESTINATION HAPPINESS Lady 76, likes animals, walking, holidays, seeks sincere gent, to enjoy these good times with. Faringdon Box 105561

MY SIMPLE WISH Sincere female, 76, from Faringdon, likes gardening, walking, cinema, holidays, cooking, wlm gent 68-70. Box 109439



Women seeking women

ARE YOU THE ONE Easygoing female, 39, 5'6", brunette living in Devizes, thoughtful, caring, affectionate & young at heart, wlm like minded lady, for friendship/committed relationship. Box 107470

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THAT'S THE SPIRIT Green-eyed lady, young 51, 5'7", seeks a loving lady, 45-55 ish, looks and status not important, to share honesty and sense of adventure. Box 101750

LET'S LIVE Friendly, sociable woman, 66, looking for female company, for days out, activities and friendship. Oxford. Box 100515

KEEP AN OPEN MIND Retired lady, 67, from Swindon, wishing to meet female friends for days out. Box 110140



Men seeking women

WE COULD BE GOOD TOGETHER Down to earth male, 36, enjoys cycling, walking, travelling, seeks laid back female, for good times and more. Swindon. Box 100773

FUN LIKE ME? Well-travelled male, 38, blond/blue, glasses, into sport and travel, looking for a lifetime partner to settle down with. Abingdon/Berks/Oxon. Box 107513

HEART 2 HEART Sporty, active male, 39, tall with dark hair, own house/car, likes socialising, theatre, social drinks, wlm warm hearted woman, for LTR. Oxford. Box 101832

CARING SORT Sociable guy, 39, 5'9", medium build, very caring with GSOH. Hobbies include watching football and playing golf. Seeks slim to medium female/single mum. Box 100151

PERFECTLY MATCHED Honest, sporty single dad, 40, 5'9", likes to enjoy life to the full, from Woodstock, seeks good natured female, for fun, laughter and more. Box 106584

MAKE A REAL FRIEND Down to earth male, 41, enjoys holidays, socialising, sports & much more, seeking a nice female, for fun times ahead. Box 101121

THE BRIGHTEST STAR Smartly dressed chap, 42, 6', stocky build, lives in Oxford, likes dining in & out, keeping fit, seeks smart dressed lady, for ltr. Box 106368

SOMEONE TO CLICK WITH Honest, genuine N/S guy, 42, 6'1", medium build, no ties, lives in Swindon, likes theatre, bowling, meals out, seeks single female, for ltr. Box 107035

ENJOY GOOD COMPANY Honest male, 43, 6'3", stocky build, gosh, enjoys sports, travel, cosy times in, social drinks, seeks loving female, for happier times. Oxford. Box 101716

LOOK NO FURTHER Upbeat male, 43, 5'5", blue eyes, wears glasses, many interest, looking for a lady counter-part, for good company. Box 100558

MAKE FRIENDS Mixed-race male, 43, smoker, not employed, usual interests, seeking a female, 35-45, for lasting relationship. Oxford. Box 101526

THE LONG RUN Mixed-race male, 43, smoker, no ties, searching for a like-minded woman, 35-45, no ties, for nights out and friendship. Oxford. Box 102570

PART OF YOUR WORLD Genuine male, 44, single dad, likes weekends away, family life, socialising, looking for a outgoing female, for fun, friendship and more. Newbury. Box 103015

SO GOOD TOGETHER Easygoing male, 45, 6'2", medium build, N/D, likes cinema, meals out, seeks understanding female, for good times leading to more. Banbury. Box 102913

PURE OF HEART Kind, honest, reliable male, 45, 6'1", many interest, from Banbury, looking for a down to earth female, to settle down with. Box 106466

TIME TOGETHER Sincere male, 5'9", medium build, likes social drinks, watching films and life in general, looking for a similar lady, for friendship and more. Abingdon. Box 100723

WE CAN BE HAPPY Fun male, 44, likes meals out, keeping fit, weekends away, 5'9in, seeking friendship maybe more with someone special. Banbury. Box 854670

HOPE FOR US Youthful, blue-eyed male, 46, enjoys the gym and good times, searching for a nice, honest woman. Oxford. Box 100657

COMING UP EASY Oxford male, 46, 6'1", driver, seeking an honest female friends, for chats, company and more. Box 101009

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HELLO Mature male, 46, 5'11, medium-stocky build, likes eating in/out, walking, sports, lots of fun! Seeking homely girl for TLC and more. Abingdon. Box 462105

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Visitors
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RIGHT:
Cartoon
characters
dance to
the music
of Radio
Horton

Damp but not deterred!



The Waldburg Shires display team enthrall the crowds at Spiceball Park

A WET start to the day did nothing to dampen spirits or stop crowds from flocking to last weekend's Banbury and District Show.

Among the highlights planned were a Spitfire flypast and performances from the The Waldburg Shires, a group of six heavy horses who have featured in the Lord Mayor's Parade in London and were the day's main attraction.

Carnival arts organisation Utopian Mas entertained the crowds and brightened up a rainy June day with vibrant dancing and costumes, while the fairground and traditional tea tent both proved popular with the slightly soaked visitors.

Banbury and District Show is in its third year under its current committee and this year's event featured the chance to walk on water inside huge inflatable orbs.

Supported by *The Banbury Cake*, the show also gave visitors the chance to take up a new sport or fitness regime in the fitness marquee.

Supported and funded by the Big Lottery Fund, classes ran in the marquee throughout the day in

everything from pilates and zumba to martial arts and boxercise.

Music lovers were not forgotten as Radio Horton provided music throughout the day, as well as a chance to dance with the DJ.

A line-dancing performance, featuring local councillor Colin Clarke, and a chance to take part and enjoy line-dancing as a hobby, were also part of the day's entertainment.

In the second field, the ever-popular It's a Knock Out Tournament, organised by Banbury Rotary Club, was planned.

Every year local businesses and community organisations battle it out to victory, while the dog show gives proud pooch owners the chance to show off their furry friends' talents to the crowds.

For anyone feeling adventurous and keen for a bird's eye view of the show, there was a climbing wall.

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TOP, left: The Waldburg Shires display team
 ABOVE: Molly Allen, a member of the 5th Banbury Guides meets mayor Alastair Milne Home
 ABOVE, right: Tom Butcher and Anna Fox, members of a team from Barry Callebaut Chocolate Factory, taking part in It's a Knockout
 RIGHT: Mayor and Mayoress Alastair and Gill Milne Home shelter from the rain
 LEFT: Girl Guides Emily Idziaczek and Katy Allen at their stall raising funds to travel to Uganda and New Zealand



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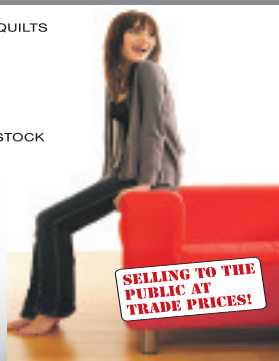


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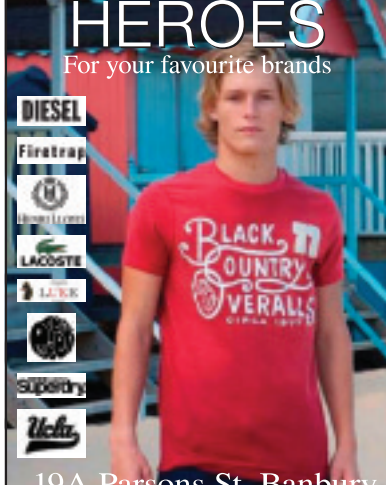


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THE BEAVER (12A, 91 mins)
Drama/Comedy/Romance. Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster, Anton Yelchin, Jennifer Lawrence, Riley Thomas Stewart, Cherry Jones. Director: Jodie Foster.

The trials of Mel Gibson, whose rants to an ex-girlfriend were caught on tape last year, seem like a curious case of life imitating art in this blackly humorous tale of a man's emotional breakdown.

Hopefully, any lingering controversy won't overshadow Jodie Foster's third film behind the camera, which is her most assured effort to date.

Based on a script by Kyle Killen, *The Beaver* sensitively deals with themes of mental illness, suicide and self-belief, plumbing some very dark nooks of the humans psyche as the characters come to terms with their failings.

Foster treads carefully around the thorny subject matter,

tempering occasional sentimentality with spiky humour and tearful recriminations.

Her ensemble cast rises to the challenge magnificently, anchored by a mesmerising performance from Gibson, who performs almost the entire film with a glove puppet on his hand, alternating between his character's softly spoken voice and the guttural Cockney growl of the stuffed animal.

In other hands – pun intended – the double act of man and critter would be preposterous, but there is a fearlessness to Gibson's portrayal that compels us to see the world through his weary eyes.

What we see, we like very much. Businessman Walter Black (Gibson) presides over a toy company that desperately needs one innovative product to revive its ailing fortunes.

While the VP (Cherry Jones) holds the business together, Walter self-implodes with depression, making life unbearable for his wife

Meredith (Jodie Foster), teenage son, Porter (Anton Yelchin), and youngest boy, Henry (Riley Thomas Stewart). Eventually, Meredith is forced to kick out her husband, hoping he will get professional help.

Following a failed suicide attempt, Walter returns to the homestead with a beaver glove puppet, through which he addresses the family as part of a bizarre form of therapy.

Porter is furious.

"It takes you years to get him out of here then you let him come back the next night with a talking hamster!", he rages at his mother.

Meanwhile at school, Porter tries to impress the smartest girl in his class, Norah (Jennifer Lawrence).

The Beaver sounds ridiculous, yet on the screen, Foster, Gibson and co make this dysfunctional family snapshot work surprisingly well.

Killen's script glitters with some



Mel Gibson, who plays imploding businessman Walter Black in *The Beaver*

lovely turns of phrase ("Walter's depression is an ink that stains everything it touches") and we come to invest almost as much emotion in the Beaver as Walter.

A tasteful sex scene, complete with the puppet in attendance, ends with the hilarious image of

the Beaver gasping for breath in perfect time with Gibson.

Yelchin and Oscar nominee Lawrence are an attractive pairing and bring out the grief and self-loathing that propels their teenagers on the path to redemption.

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Bridesmaids, 15, Tue 8pm, Wed-Thu 12.15pm, 3.20, 6, 8.40pm, Wed 11.35pm. Kids Am: Chronicles of Narnia - Dawn Treader, U, Sat-Sun 10.1.30pm. Teen screenings: Fast and Furious, 12A, Fri 6.20pm, Thu 5.30pm. Green Lantern, 12A, Sat-Sun 9.20am, Fri-Wed 11.50am, 2.30pm, daily 5.10, 7.50pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 10.30pm; (3-D) Fri, Mon-Thu 12.50pm, daily 3.30pm, Fri-Sun, Wed-Thu 6.10, 8.50pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 11.30pm. Bad Teacher, 15, daily 1, 3.10, 5.20, 7.40, 9.50m, Fri-Sat, Wed 12am midnight. Senna, 12A, Tue 7pm. Life In A Day, 12A, Mon 7pm. Honey II, PG, Sat-Sun 9.10am, daily 11.30am, 2.10, 4.50, 7.30pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 10.10pm. Kung-Fu Panda II, 12A, Sat-Sun 10.10am, 10.40, 1pm, 3.20pm, daily 12.30pm, 2.50, 5, 7.10pm; (3-D) Sat-Sun 11.10am, 1.20pm. X-Men - First Class, 12A, Sat-Sun 9.50am, Fri, Mon-Thu

11.40am, Fri, Mon-Tue 2.40pm, daily 12.40pm, 3.40, 6.40, 8.30, 9.30pm, Fri-Tue 5.40pm, Fri-Sat 11.20pm (audio-described Sat-Sun 9.50am, daily 12.40, 3.40, 6.40, 9.30pm; subtitled Sun 12.40pm, Tue 6.40pm). The Hangover Part II, 15, Sat-Sun 10am, daily 12.20, 3, 8.10, 9.20pm, Fri-Wed 5.30pm, Fri-Sat, Wed 10.40pm, 11.40pm. Diary of a Wimpy Kid II, U, Sat-Sun 11am, 1.10pm. Pirates of the Caribbean - On Stranger Tides, 12A, Fri, Mon-Thu 12.10pm, daily 3.20pm, Fri, Wed-Thu 6.20pm, Fri-Tue 9.10pm, Wed 10.20pm, Fri-Sat 11.50pm. Box office: 08712 240240.

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In Babylon, 12A: P Sun 3.45pm, Mon 1.45pm, Thu 6.40pm.

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GF Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Songs from John Tracy. 9pm. £1. 01295 252852.

Folly Bridge Inn, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Irish mini Festival. Marie Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman - Irish harp and guitar.

Oxford Folk Club. £8. 8.30pm.

SATURDAY

Pepper Pot, Burchester Place, Banbury: Decades. Music from duo Decades, performing covers from past 60 years. Everyone welcome. Free admission. 9pm. 01295 261790.

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SUNDAY

Burford Parish Church, Church Lane, Burford: Windrush Chamber Music Festival. Led by pianist Sholto Kynoch. Three concerts based around Brahms's piano quartets. There are two concerts on Saturday (3pm and 7.30pm) and the concert on Sunday at 7.30pm will be a rousing finale to the whole Burford Festival. Interval bar. Tickets from the Red Lion Bookshop, Burford. £12. 01993 822539.

MONDAY

Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford: The Peninsula Youth Orchestra (founded Redwood City) is musical home to over 420 student musicians that

comprise four full orchestras plus numerous chamber music ensembles. They study and perform traditional orchestral repertoire with an emphasis on contemporary literature and works by American composers. Tonight's concert will feature works by Beethoven, Vaughan Williams, Nicolai, Holst, and the European premier of American composer Ron Miller's latest commissioned work, Gears. £8, concessions £4. 7.30pm. 01865 252351 and 252776.

TUESDAY

St Columbas Church, Alfred Street, Oxford: Oxfringe Festival 2011: Choral Concert. The Choir of Somerville College will perform Durufle's Requiem and Robin Milford's Mass for five voices. The choir will be conducted by David Crown and soloists will include Lizzy Deacon (mezzo-soprano), George Coltart (baritone) and Tristan Mitchard (organ). Tickets are available from wegotickets. 7.30pm. £10, £5. 07971207590.

WEDNESDAY

The Queen's College Chapel, High Street, Oxford: Choral Service. 6.30-7.30pm. 01865 279125.

Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:

Jun 17, *Zulu*. Imagine a youthful Ladysmith Black Mambazo with high kicks, energetic dance and women's voices as well as men's. They deliver a heady mix of African harmonies, traditional and Afro-Gospel, traditionally costumed and supported by drum rhythms, preserving ancient skills and stretching forwards to contemporary Africa. 8pm. £12, concessions £10.

Jun 18, *The Dragon's Daughter*. Blunderbus Theatre Company presents this magical tale of adventure and friendship that will appeal to the child within everyone. Bewitching music and hand-carved puppets, a funny and moving story about a brave little boy and a scared little dragon, who grow to become the very best of friends. 2pm. £6 (family of 4 £21). Suitable for ages 3-7 and their families.

Jun 18 Arthur Smith, *Exposed*. Expect an evening of sublime playfulness, crammed with jokes, anecdotes, short stories, poems, songs and readings from his recently published memoir 'My Name Is Daphne Fairfax' which has

won praise from literary critics. 7.30pm. £15, concessions £13.

Jun 23, Limehouse Lizzy. Box office: 01295 279002 (Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10-8pm, Sun 11.30am-5pm).

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:

Jun 18 *Stig Of The Dump*. Musical production of Clive King's imaginative story presented by Image Musical Theatre. £7.50. 11.30am and 2.30pm.

Jun 23, Richard Herring and Catie Wilkins. Herring is a prolific and original comedian. Join him and the star of ITV4's *Stand-Up Hero*, Catie Wilkins as they preview their new Edinburgh shows. 7.45pm. £10.

Box office: 01608 642350, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10-2pm.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford:

Jun 17-19, An Evening with John Cleese. The master of silly walks and something entirely different on The Alimony Tour. 7.30pm. Tickets £21-£33.50.

Jun 21, *Danny Bhoj*. Messenger (please do not shoot) tour. Scottish comedian (Live at the Apollo). £16. 8pm.

Jun 24, Jonathan Ansell and friends.

Jun 26, Ryan Adams, an acoustic performance

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Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford:

Jun 17, *Jaleo Flamenco*. The flamboyant flamenco world of Andalusian dance, song and guitar.

Musicians joined by dancers Adolfo Vega and M Jose Leon. Tickets £11.50-£19.50. 8pm.

Jun 20-25, *Communicating Doors*, by Alan Ayckbourn. Classic comedy thriller starring Liza Goddard, Laura Doddington, Jamie Kenna and Ben Porter. Tickets £9.50-£24.50. Mon-Thu, Sat 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, mats Thu and Sat 2.30pm. Post-show talk Wed.

<Jun 27-Jul 2, *The Lady In The Van*. Alan Bennett has a very unusual neighbour. Parked at the bottom of his garden is a van...with a lady in it.

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GILES WOODFORDE talks to Laura Doddington, one of the stars of *Communicating Doors*, coming to The Oxford Playhouse

An inability to communicate

POOPAY knocks at the door of an expensive hotel suite. Once inside, her full-length fake fur coat is rapidly discarded, revealing a silver-studded leather corset underneath.

"When I was first shown the costume I would be wearing, fear bubbled up in me," laughed Laura Doddington, pictured. "It's such a statement, isn't it?"

Laura plays Poopay in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy *Communicating Doors*. Poopay tells the smooth businessman who opens the door that she's a "specialist sexual consultant".

Assuming he's a client, she produces a whip from her handbag, in case this should be of interest. At this point, an elderly gentleman totters from the en-suite bathroom. "Are there two of you? This is

a single booking," snaps Poopay. Many classic Ayckbourn-style misunderstandings duly follow.

"She truly believes she isn't an ordinary hooker, she's a specialist sexual consultant," Laura said. "You have to deliver the line deadpan. It's so important with comedy."

"Before a show opens, Alan always says to the actors, 'I've done my bit. You guys are all on the train, you've got your tickets'."

Communicating Doors is a comedy first and foremost, but it's also a thriller, and there's a snatch of science fiction too. Like most of Ayckbourn's prolific output, it began life at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough, where Laura Doddington has become a regular.

But she remembers her first Scarborough audition well.



"I was young and impatient. I'd come out of drama school, worked for six months, then nothing. So I made the decision on that day that if I didn't get the next audition, I'd give up."

Luckily I was cast me in a Neil Simon comedy-drama, *I Ought to be in Pictures*. Then Alan asked me if I'd do the

Christmas show, and it snowballed from there."

Laura was just three, when she decided on an acting career. "My dad was a school drama teacher, and his school was doing *Grease*. I don't remember this, but apparently I was taken to a rehearsal, and sitting in my mum's lap, I announced that I was going on the stage. Her reaction was: 'please God, no!'."

"But I'd learnt the song being rehearsed. It was *Look at me, I'm Sandra Dee, lousy with virginity*". Mum was mortified!"

But you have to admit that the song fits Poopay, "specialist sexual consultant", very well indeed. "Doesn't it just?" Laura gleefully agreed.

Communicating Doors is at the Playhouse from June 20-25. 01865 305305 or oxfordplayhouse.com

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CAKE Sport

Spinner Luke excels

LEFT-arm spinner Luke Ryan claimed 6-65 as Banbury edged to a thrilling two-wicket victory at home to Bishop's Stortford in Division 1 on Saturday.

Winning the toss, Banbury skipper Ian Hawtin put the visitors in to bat, and they got off to a steady start as Mohammed Akram and David Hughes shared 52 for the first wicket.

But both fell in quick succession to Richard West,

LATEST TABLES

	Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	A	Bn	Pts
Wycombe	6	4	2	0	0	15	121
Banbury	6	3	2	1	0	31	112
*Oxford	6	3	2	1	0	33	111
*Harpندن	6	3	2	1	0	26	106
Tring	6	3	1	2	0	12	90
Henley	6	2	3	1	0	28	87
*Welwyn	6	0	3	3	0	54	62
*B Stortford	6	1	2	3	0	31	61
Radlett	6	0	3	3	0	37	46
Falkland	6	0	2	4	0	38	44

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before Eddie Ballard and Daniel Blacktopp put on 80 for the third wicket.

Blacktopp was run out by Shahbaz Ali, and Ballard was caught behind by Hawtin off Ashley Blanchard, and that sparked a big collapse.

And it was Ryan who was the instigator as he ripped through the lower order and tail as Bishop's Stortford were dismissed for 202, losing their last seven wickets for 31.

In reply, Banbury needed only 38.2 overs to reach the target, despite losing regular wickets.

Craig Haupt top-scored with 50, while young opener Lloyd Sabin hit 44 in 47 balls.

But from 153-7, it was left to the tail, and a quickfire 24 not out from Ryan in particular, to see Banbury home.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD

Mohammed Akram c West b West	32
D Hughes c Tew b West	23
E Ballard c Hawtin b Blanchard	60
D Blacktopp run out Shahbaz Ali	50
S McConnell b Ryan	17
J Smith c Sabin b Ryan	0
S Lindop c Hill b Ryan	4
Javed Mir c Sabin b Ryan	6
M Townsend not out	4
J Williams c&b Ryan	0
J Porter c&b Ryan	0
Extras	6
Total (all out, 62.3 ovs)	202
Fall: 1-52, 2-57, 3-137, 4-171, 5-175, 6-189, 7-195, 8-200, 9-200.	
Bowling: Smith 2-0-5-0, Blanchard 18-3-57-1, Ryan 29-3-9-65-6, Hill 3-0-18-0, West 9-1-41-2, Sabin 1-0-12-0.	

BANBURY

L Sabin b Lindop	44
I Hawtin b Townsend	11
C Haupt b Lindop	50
Shahbaz Ali c Townsend b Javed Mir	0
I Tew c Porter b Lindop	9
J West c Mohammed Akram b Lindop	13
L Ryan not out	24
A Blanchard b Lindop	7
O Wright c Javed Mir	22
b Mohammed Akram	19
E Smith not out	4
Extras	19
Total (8 wks, 38.2 ovs)	203
Fall: 1-46, 2-70, 3-91, 4-109, 5-132, 6-145, 7-153, 8-193.	
Bowling: Porter 1-0-1-0, Williams 4-0-32-0, Townsend 6-3-18-1, Lindop 15-1-81-5, Javed Mir 4-1-18-1, Mohammed Akram 8-2-1-41-1.	
● Banbury 25pts, Bishop's Stortford 11	



Luke Ryan sends down a delivery during his magnificent spell, which ripped through Bishop's Stortford in Saturday's Division 1 clash

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

A rather clumsy frame of mind that the stars are placing you in could see you losing some very important documents or belongings and you may want to try telling close ones what you have done with things, just for backup. Tuesday brings prime gossip your way linking to Virgo's. Call now to hear why you hold the power in love right now.

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May 21-Jun 20

There is so much you want to do but there just don't seem to be enough hours in the day for you. Make a gameplan, sooner rather than later so that you can make this coming year all it should be. Aries can make or break your career at this time, so do your best to show them how professional you can be. Call now for a full reading on life and love.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

You can play games but you must be prepared to pay the consequences too and at the moment you are taking some pretty big chances considering your true feelings on the matter. A new face in the workplace proves compatible in all manners of ways, as you should soon see. Call now to hear which are your power days to sort out those finances.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

You are going to have to bide your time in work matters as someone makes you wait for news that you thought you would have heard about weeks ago. This is a good thing not a bad thing as events midweek will soon prove to you. Call my starline now to hear why this is such an important period for you and your career.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

You may be feeling like a bear with a sore head as you have failed yet again to get your own way. Shouldn't this tell you something though, such as it is time to take on a new approach to what is fast becoming a very old problem. It's time to be your self and stop trying to be what everyone else wants. Call now to hear good news on finances.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

You are going to have to take a fresh look at your work and try to find a way that you can manage all that you have taken on in a better and indeed more efficient manner. You can handle your work you just can't cope with the way you have organised it and a little reshuffle is required. Call now to hear why an ex can't get you off their mind.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

You are looking too deeply at a work problem that is occurring when you would be far better to just get on with it. Working quickly can in fact be an asset to you for once and should help you tie up an annoying and very overdue piece of paperwork too. Call now to find out which sign can help you turn your dreams into a reality.

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Nov 22-Dec 21

The other signs in the zodiac are just dying to know the ins and outs of your life but fortunately the stars are no longer doing such a good job of exposing your private life. Your reputation is on the line in the workplace when experience really will count for everything. Call now to hear how you can improve relationships with family.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

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Jan 20-Feb 18

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

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The Old Bakery is on the market for £269,000. For more

By Gill Olive, property writer

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Another building undergoing a transformation is a former pub — Off the Beaten Track — which has planning permission to be converted into five apartments.

The plans for the property in Chipping Norton show a

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In reality, the union is surprisingly something of a dream team.

Every diesel engine powering models in the seventh generation Passat range is badged BlueMotion, VW's 'green' brand, which means the engine combines both battery regeneration and a stop/start system as standard.

Cutting through the technospeak, the big effect of the little BlueMotion badge is on easing the pain of modern motoring on your wallet.

In day-to-day use, the test model 1.6-litre TDI 105 Estate can deliver average mpg in the mid 60s and CO₂ emissions guaranteed to deliver rock-bottom road tax. Changes planned for the engine later this year promise even more for this marathon mileage machine.

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By David Duffy

some considerable comfort and style, while delivering the carrying capacity of a small van.

Despite its modest size, the power from the 1.6-litre diesel, combined with precise use of the six-speed manual gearbox, delivers a smooth, quiet, relaxing ride.

If the fuel consumption and exhaust emission figures are not enough to attract interest, VW says it has changed every panel and glass surface apart from the roof, and fitted chrome grille louvres framed by angular headlight units, to give it a fresh look.

Less visible than the external changes, but helping to raise the luxury feel inside is the fitting of thicker glass to the side windows, while the windscreen has a thin plastic film sandwiched between two layers of the glass to help reduce noise transmission.

Extra sound deadening has also been placed into the front bulkhead, wheelarches and dashboard, to cut engine noise entering the interior.

The cabin, too, has had an upmarket makeover, where new door trims and a revised dashboard with new dials, join subtle chrome highlights, new seats and a classy analogue clock. A push button-operated parking brake is retained.

Also given a boost are the safety systems available, with the option of an automatic fatigue detection system and an emergency city braking system.

With the changes made to the new model Volkswagen believes that for the first time, the estate version will outsell the saloon.

Auto facts

Model: Volkswagen Passat Estate S BlueMotion 1.6 TDI
Price: £20,960
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Fuel consumption (Combined): 64.2mpg
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Warranty: 3 years/60,000 miles

Latest motoring news in brief

■ Renault dealer Jaybee Motors, in Oxford Road, Banbury, has been recognised as a Renaultsport specialist — one of only 50 in the country. Motorists will be able to call on the knowledge and advice of Renaultsport sales expert Nick Corne and aftersales expert Richard Pratt. The current Renaultsport range comprises of the flagship Mégane Renaultsport 250, the Clio Renaultsport 200 and the Twingo Renaultsport 133. Mark

Jordan, sales manager at Jaybee Motors Renault, said: "As part of our celebrations, we're inviting Renaultsport owners — be it an original Renaultsport Spider to a brand new Mégane Renaultsport 250 — to drop by the dealership for a free, no appointment, safety check for their car."

■ Swedish car maker Saab has announced that it is to offer free membership to the Saab Service Club, a loyalty scheme which provides benefits including free

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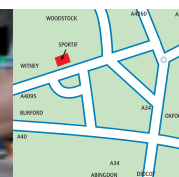
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His new recruit, 19 year old Kyle Allard, has been very successful, so we touched base with Malcolm to find out why Kyle impressed him.



Q *How many candidates did you interview for the position? Two or three.*

Q *What made Kyle stand out from all of the other candidates? His attitude. It was very positive, and he was very keen. We could tell he was eager to learn. Employers can tell how engaged and eager candidates are.*

Q *Kyle has been working as part of Riverbank's service desk team for nearly three months. How's he doing? Really well. We hold appraisals with new employees every one, three and six months, and Kyle's reviews have been 100% positive. He is thoughtful and careful about his work.*

Q *Would you say that the qualifications he got at Zenos played a part in Kyle's expertise? Yes. When you're between 16 and 19 years old, how do you stand out from the others around you and increase your chances of getting hired?*

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